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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: NON-ALIGNED

CONFERENCE: KOREA

REF: (A) COLOMBO 2974; (B) COLOMBO 2975

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES PROMPT REPORTING OF 5-POWER INITIATIVE ON KOREA.

2. ALTHOUGH YOU CAN CERTAINLY DISCUSS DISCREETLY THIS OR OTHER SIMILAR INITIATIVES WITH FRIENDLY RPT FRIENDLY MODERATE DELEGATIONS, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH TO HAVE ACTIVE US ROLE IN RESOLUTION DRAFTING PROCESS OR LOBBYING AT COLOMBO.

3. IF YOU ARE ASKED ABOUT VARIOUS TEXTS ON KOREA, YOU
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SHOULD POINT OUT THAT OUR POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION

IS CONTAINED IN SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH. WE HAVE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, CONFERENCE OR ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND EASING OF TENSIONS, AND A NON-CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH ON KOREA IN UNGA. YOU SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THIS.

4. FYI. WE NOTE THAT CAR TEXT APPARENTLY PROVIDED BY ROK. FOR OUR PART, WE BELIEVE THAT DESPITE THE AMBIGUITY AS TO WHETHER THE TERM "FOREIGN FORCES UNDER THE UN FLAG" MEANS ALL OR ONLY A FEW OF THE US TROOPS IN KOREA, IT IS MAJOR IMPROVEMENT OVER EXISTING NORTH KOREAN PROPOSED LANGUAGE. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CAR EFFORTS ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT WANT TO BE VISIBLY LOBBYING FOR, OR APPEAR TO HAVE ENDORSED A SPECIFIC TEXT. IN FACT, SHOULD ANYONE BE ABLE TO STATE THAT WE HAVE ENDORSED THE TEXT, IT WOULD PROBABLY HARM RATHER THAN HELP THE EFFORT. END FYI.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL WELCOME YOUR CONTINUED CLOSE MONITORING AND REPORTING ALL ASPECTS OF DISCUSSION OF KOREAN ISSUE. KISSINGER

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